

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 3-18 and 20-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 18 and 20-22 are currently amended. Claims 2 and 19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 7 and 18 are rejected by the Examiner. Claims 8-17 and 31-42 are allowed. Claims 2-6 and 19-30 are under objection.

Formalities

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to formally accept the drawings. Applicants thank the Examiner for previously acknowledging the priority documents in the office action mailed on February 12, 2007.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-17 and 31-42 are allowed and claims 2-6 and 19-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants amend claims 1 and 18 to include the allowable subject matter from claims 2 and 19, respectively.

Claim 7 is allowable at least because it depends from allowable base claim 1.

Thus, claims 1, 7 and 18 are allowable. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application for immediate allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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